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From: URSULA BARKERS <KLOPF555@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 7:50 PM
To: Hampton City Council <council@hampton.gov>; Hayes, Michael <mdhayes@hampton.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RZ 22-00003 - Citizen Opposition - Roger and Ursula Barkers

To the Honorable Planning Commission and the Hampton City Council Members,

We, Ursula and Roger Barkers, have resided at 525 Greenbriar Avenue, Hampton, VA 23661 for the past 37 years. During this time my husband worked as Administrative Officer at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center and I at the Daily Press Media Group, where I assisted the Publisher and President. We raised our daughter here, where she attended Wythe Elementary, Hampton High and matriculated from the University of Virginia with an engineering degree. She furthered her education by getting a Master's Degree from the University of Western Australia in Perth. We are sharing this information with you to simply point out that we, and many other families in this community, are striving hard to be productive and successful citizens of this great city.

We are writing today again to formally voice our opposition to the rezoning **RZ 22-00003** of the former Virginia State School for the Deaf, Blind and Disabled property. We are opposing the Northpoint proposal and the rezoning of land from R-13, Residential, to M-1, Light Industrial.

If you were to approve the rezoning, our entire neighborhood will be adversely impacted by increased traffic, air pollution, noise pollution. Our streets are already ill equipped to handle the current traffic, our residents have to walk down the street right next to traffic because 95% of our neighborhoods do not even feature sidewalks. Many in our community are handicapped seniors, who deserve to walk safely down our streets. Our children deserve to be safe while standing at their school bus stops and/or walking down the streets to visit their neighborhood

friends.

I, Ursula Barkers, have addressed City Council on several occasions during session and have appealed to your sense of fairness and honor and hope that you are taking my former speeches and this Email seriously and, thus, will vote NO to the zoning change request. But rather invest your powers to improve our existing neighborhood of hardworking families by providing sidewalks and housing developments that are compatible with our community. Improving storm water runoffs, proper lighting, putting power lines underground.

We would like to reiterate that **we do not** support the Northpoint Project Plan and the rezoning of properties within our community to industrial use.

Sincerely,

Ursula and Roger Barkers
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